

SPORTS

# Clothing clobbers Hospital 29-13, remains undefeated

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Clothing defeated the Hospital 29-13 in the Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Intramural Football League at the Depot football field Sept. 18.

The win helped Clothing achieve an early-season perfect record at 2-0.

Hospital and Clothing were anxious to match up after their post-season encounter last season. The two butted heads in the finals of the playoffs, as Clothing threatened to put an end to their dreams of a repeat league title. The Hospital narrowly escaped elimination that time, and promises to pull it off again this year to become three-peat champions.

As their first match-up of the new season got underway, it appeared that the two-time defending champs would dominate the scoreboard. Clothing would not go quietly, however, as its players proceeded to come back from a 13-0 deficit.

“We knew we were going to win,” said Casper Stephens, coach and receiver for Clothing. “It just took us a little while to get it together. Our energy level wasn’t where it needed to be at first.”

Fueled by an interception by cornerback Robert Moore early in the second half, the Clothing defense did not let the Hospital near its end zone for the remainder of the game.

“That interception was key in the win,” said Danny “Big Fish” Fisher, linebacker for Clothing. “It helped us



**Carlos Roberts, center for Clothing, attempts to break through Hospital defenders in a game at the Depot football field Sept. 18. Clothing came back from a 13-0 deficit to win the game 29-13.**

shut them down during the second half.”

Clothing’s defense came alive as Moore got another interception and Stephens snagged one as well. The offense did not let the defense’s efforts go in vain, as they capitalized on each

possession, lighting up the scoreboard touchdown after touchdown. Stephens had two touchdowns. Carlos Roberts, center for Clothing, scored one, and the other one came from Toriana Bonnapart, the team’s quarterback.

“Once we’re all on the same sheet of

music, nothing can stop us,” said Stephens.

Clothing’s execution seemed flawless, as the Hospital quickly realized that a three-peat may not be so easy to come by this year.

“I think we may have taken them a lit-

tle too lightly,” said Jeffery Williams, the Hospital’s coach. “We scored our touchdowns right off the bat and got a little too cocky.”

With the complications Hospital had with Clothing last season and some new players on the roster, the team feels they may have a little more trouble keeping Clothing at bay this year.

“They are definitely the biggest threat to our three-peat,” said Williams. “They were a challenge for us last year, even before the post-season. They gave us the biggest run for our money.”

After their first look at what Clothing is working with this season, the Hospital players have determined what areas need fine-tuning to achieve their goal.

“We need to work harder on defense,” said Williams. “We have a few inexperienced players and we lost some coverage on them this time. We’re still growing as a team, but we’ll have the wrinkles ironed out by the time we face them again.”

Clothing feels that no adjustments made by Hospital could be enough to prepare them for another battle on the field.

“They just aren’t at our level,” said Herman Pierrelouis, a Clothing receiver. “We can’t be touched.”

The Hospital is not the only team that Clothing issued a warning to, however. The players feel that no team in the league is a match for their skills this year.

“We can guarantee an undefeated season,” said Fisher.

# Depot soccer team takes second in national tournament

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The Tri-Command varsity soccer team, PI Sting, placed second in their division at the Bear Foot Sports 9th Annual Soccer Six National Championships in Charleston, S.C., Aug. 1-3.

Over 60 of the nation’s top amateur adult soccer teams competed in the three-day tournament, which was the final event in the 2003 Soccer Six Tournament Series.

The Soccer Six Tournament Series, sponsored by Bear Foot Sports of Ridgeland, S.C., is a

network of 16 six-a-side soccer tournaments that provide amateur adult soccer players a chance to compete in regional qualifying events in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The Soccer Six games are played six-versus-six, instead of the standard 11 versus 11, on a 60- x 40-yard pitch creating more scoring opportunities for players.

“The Soccer Six games are very exciting,” said Mark Weisner, President of Bear Foot Sports. “It offers players an intense, fast-paced game that features end-to-end action and a lot of scoring.”

The championship tournament featured seven adult divisions, including Men’s A, B and 30-plus; Women’s A, B and Co-ed A, B. The Men’s and Women’s Open division featured elite players, the B Division featured advanced players, and the Co-ed Division featured a combination of both.

The PI Sting competed in the Men’s B Division, which consisted of 14 teams. The Sting was defeated by BFC, a team from Palm Bay, Fla., 4-1 in the division championship game.

“We knew the caliber of the teams there was going to be real-

ly high,” said Mike Martinet, a forward for the PI Sting. “Even though we didn’t place first, we weren’t disappointed when you consider the competition we were up against.”

Although all were pleased with the end results, the tournament did not start off so well for the Sting. The team lost their first match 2-0. The players were refueled in their next game, however, as they beat an old rival from Atlanta, the Diablos, 4-1.

“We have a history with them – we’ve never beaten them,” said Martinet, who scored three of his

team’s four goals in the game.

The Sting then went on to beat a team from Greenville 5-1. The win advanced them to the quarter-finals where they faced a North Carolina team. The game went down to the wire as the teams remained neck-and-neck until the final moments. They were tied 5-5 when Martinet scored the game-winning goal for the Sting in the final 30 seconds, advancing his team to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, the PI Sting had to face the team that had handed them their only loss at the beginning of the tournament, but

this time the Sting got the upper hand. The game went into overtime and the Sting managed to pull it out 3-2. Martinet scored two of the goals and forward Ben Braudrick scored one. The team then witnessed the end of their winning streak in the championship game against BFC.

After such a victorious run, nothing could dampen the spirits of the Sting players, not even the weather.

“It rained on and off during the entire tournament,” said Martinet. “Overall, it was the best tournament we ever played in.”

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